

Yes, Mark Twain is a genius, but it is not his eccentricity that proves it. Brigades are reported to be active in Sicily. Perhaps Sicily is trying to be known as the Wall street of Italy. The expression about not caring a red cent may be a misfit. The first one coined, in 1793, has been sold for \$82.

Even a couple that is wedded in a den of lions might be unable to withstand the jaws incidental to married life.

Maxim Gorky declares that the Americans are a gloomy, silent race. And he was here during the latter part of the baseball season, too.

Count Hugi de Castellane's degradation may be said to be complete. His colleagues in the French chamber of deputies have refused to listen to his speeches.

Prof. Bailey Willis holds that there is conclusive evidence that the North American continent has been submerged four times and has five times been elevated above the sea.

The St. Louis woman who found her lost hat after a four days' search probably had an exclusive model, the kind that wives tell their husbands about after the bill falls due.

The wife of an Indiana policeman is suing a rich widow on the ground that the defendant made love to her husband. But isn't it customary for one to tell her troubles to a policeman?

Apples grown in Tasmania, south of Australia, are shipped 11,000 miles to British markets, and yet they pay so well that Tasmania apple orchards have sold as high as \$1,100 an acre. Five hundred dollars an acre is a modest valuation.

Church attendance in rural districts, it is said, is greatly decreased by the prevailing "motor fever." The ever-increasing use of the automobile for Sunday touring on country roads banishes the church-goer who drives with his family to church, for the horse is apt to take fright and life become thereby endangered.

A London medical journal suggests that for the sake of safety steps of stairways should be of standard size, of uniform height and breadth the world over, and wide enough to take the whole foot. An equally necessary reform is the removal of the extra step, which in the dark one thinks is not there, to that other place where in the dark one thinks there is a step, and find only unobstructed air.

The smokeless condition in Berlin is ascribed to the preponderance of smokeless fuel, in the form of coke and briquettes, the skillful, scientific construction of boiler furnaces and chimneys and finally to the high standard of skill taught and enforced among firemen who stoke furnaces with coal for steam and other purposes. Before a man can assume such a charge in Berlin he must be taught the theory and practice of economical, scientific firing.

The French have a new way of showing disfavor. When Boni de Castellane, who is a member of the house of deputies, ascended the tribune to make a speech, half of his fellow-members arose and left the chamber, administering such a public snub as has seldom been inflicted. Boni has a reputation as a duelist, but it is doubtful if he will feel impelled to challenge every man who took such an opportunity to express an opinion of Castellane's conduct.

Sir Patrick Manson, in his recent lectures on tropical diseases, although accepting the theory that the only mode of transmission of malarial fever is through the bite of the Anopheles mosquito, made the statement, which will probably be new to most readers, that the mosquitoes are capable of becoming infected by absorbing the blood not merely of human patients, but also of anthropoid apes, and perhaps even of various other mammals, which, in an evolutionary sense, are related to man.

Persons who think the railroad companies do not do all that they might for the comfort of passengers will be interested to hear a report made recently by the Royal Meteorological society in London about the logical society on the Uganda railway in Africa. To exist amid armies of wood-eating insects the cars are built of metal. The large ventilators are protected by gauze against mosquitoes. The windows are of green tinted glass, which allows the passenger to see the landscape and at the same time shields him from the glare of the tropical sun.

A Frenchman now visiting London has discovered why the ballet over here is as far in advance of the ballet in Paris as French drama is ahead of English drama, declares the London Chronicle. Coming away from one of our best music halls in ecstasies, he put the matter briefly but clearly: "It is true," he said, "that the ladies of your ballet have more beautiful figures than ours, and why? In England your girls are tall and scraggy—and you can put on. In France our girls are short and fat—the ideal model, you can not take off."

Nine thousand deer were killed in Michigan during the recent hunting season. We are glad to be able to report that the number of guides and hunters killed was not quite so large.

A turtle 4,000 years old was recently captured off the Galapagos Islands. The name of the man who cut his initials on its back is not revealed.

A North Alton man broke fall to go home for a drink of water. Strange! Brand and water have always been the traditional diet of the prison.

The collar button which hid in the bow of a Massachusetts man's pipe and, exploding, nearly blew his eyes out, probably sought revenge for having been caused many a time.

A Boston dealer in agricultural implements reports the sale of 5,000,000 shovels this year. Where is the man with the hoe now? He must have gone to digging.

Japan would double her standing army, although she attended The Hague Peace congress. What a successful meeting she is to have.

RACE HATE

IT IS AT WHITE HEAT AT FORT RENO, CAUSED BY AN OUTRAGE.

NEGRO SOLDIER'S DEED

Member of Twenty-fifth Infantry Throws Wife of Prominent Physician from the Sidewalk.

El Reno, Okla.—Race feeling is at white heat and threats of lynching are heard on every hand as a result of an assault committed on Mrs. T. S. Clifford, wife of a prominent physician, by a negro soldier of the Twenty-fifth Infantry.

Threw Her from Sidewalk. Mrs. Clifford and her sister, Mrs. S. H. Clarke, were attempting to pass the soldier, when he viciously grabbed Mrs. Clifford around the waist and threw her into the street, exclaiming that the sidewalk belonged to him. Mrs. Clarke screamed for assistance, and the assailant fled, escaping before help arrived.

Hunt for Negro. News of the attack spread rapidly, and the entire police department, reinforced by several men and boys, searched the town and surrounding country, but the negro could not be found. The negro was in uniform, and must return to the post or become a deserter.

Absentees Noted at Fort. Word was sent to Fort Reno and all absentees noted. Both Mrs. Clifford and her sister are positive they can identify the man, and will go to Fort Reno and attempt to pick him from the soldiers who were out of the post when the assault was made.

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER'S RICHES.

Louis McPherson Declares the Oil King Has Done Much Good.

New York.—The concentration of wealth in the hands of comparatively few was vigorously denounced and earnestly defended at the opening session of the fifty-seventh annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Dr. C. attacked the right of John D. Rockefeller to his fortune on the ground that, he asserted, it was not the result of natural causes, but had been created through corporate activity which the speaker termed "vicious." During a subsequent discussion of "The Evolution of Property," Louis G. McPherson, assistant to the late Samuel Spencer, as president of the Southern railway, replied to Dr. C.

He declared that Mr. Rockefeller had his financial struggles, and had done much good, which was generally lost sight of in the criticism which came with success. He told of Mr. Rockefeller's early attempt to secure \$25,000 with which to construct a pipe line for oil. One man who refused aid met the financier when the pipe line had been laid. To him Mr. Rockefeller said:

"I built that pipe line to make oil cheaper, and I succeeded. I cut the cost more than half. And yet they feel fault."

Mr. McPherson then less seriously told of a dinner party several years ago at the Rockefeller home when Mrs. Rockefeller explained the absence of guests by saying:

"We like them, but are too poor to have them."

This to illustrate Mr. McPherson's point that a man might be worth \$100,000,000 and still be short of ready cash if he kept his factories in operation.

GRAIN TIE-UP WILL BE BROKEN.

Northwestern Roads Hauling Thousands of Carloads.

Minneapolis, Minn.—The backbone of the grain tie-up will soon be broken, as hundreds of cars of grain are now coming into the city daily, particularly over the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Soo roads. Great Northern officials assert that they will have handled more than 7,000 grain cars locally by the end of December, as against 3,000 in November.

FILIPINOS KILLED IN PANIC.

Woman Had Fit at Christmas Festival and Cried for Help.

Manila.—The governor of the province of Oriental Negros has reported that 14 natives were killed and 13 wounded in a panic at a midnight Christmas mass at Tanjay. A woman was seized with an epileptic fit during the services and cried out for help. This caused a stampede, with the fatal result mentioned. No officers are blamed.

W. J. Bryan Won't Refuse.

Tokyo, Kas.—In an interview here William Jennings Bryan practically admitted that he would be a candidate for the presidential nomination before the next democratic national convention.

"While I have not yet announced that I would be a candidate," said Mr. Bryan, "I have, not stated that I would not be a candidate, and do not intend to."

"Such high honor is the presidential nomination that no man should decline."

Three Children Cremated.

Weston, Va.—Three children of Stanley Singleton, 12, 11 and 5 years old, respectively, were cremated near here. After the Singleton family had retired, natural gas escaped from a defective valve, setting house on fire.

Money for Cancer Research.

London.—Cancer research will receive assistance from a donation of \$250,000 from Mr. and Mrs. Henry Louis Hirschfeld to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, in which King Edward is interested.

Filipino People Elated.

Manila.—The Filipino people are elated over press reports that President Roosevelt contemplates visiting the islands next summer. The native press received the announcement with enthusiasm.

Gave Life to Save Others.

New York.—Thomas Brown, a foreman, was buried under tons of sand in the Long Island City end of the Belmont East river tunnel. He delayed too long to make sure of the escape of his men.

THE JAPANESE IN HAWAII

PREIDENT WILL LEARN OF THE CONDITIONS IN ISLANDS.

Owners of Plantations Are in Serious Need of Labor—The Mikado's Position.

Washington.—A report on Japanese conditions in the Hawaiian Islands will be made to President Roosevelt by Frank P. Sargent, commissioner of immigration and naturalization, as a result of his recent trip to the islands. Commissioner Sargent expresses the opinion that there are fewer Japanese in the Hawaiian Islands now than there were two years ago, a greater number having come to America in that period than arrived in Hawaii.

Miki Saito, the Japanese consul general at Honolulu, intimated to Mr. Sargent that the Japanese government discouraged its people from coming to the United States because of its knowledge of the conditions existing in this country, especially in the Pacific coast, and it was apprehended that the coming here of great numbers of Japanese might induce a prejudice against them that would be embarrassing.

In Serious Need of Labor.

The commissioner of immigration found that the owners of sugar, pineapple and other plantations in the islands are in serious need of labor, and many Japanese are coming to the islands to work on them. He says that it is the effort of the Hawaiian planters to diversify their labor, so far as possible, not confining it to any one race, but getting people from all quarters of the world. A second shipment of Portuguese will arrive at Honolulu in a short time, and it is probable that some immigrants will make the island their permanent home. Many more plantations would be operated on the islands if it were possible to obtain the necessary laborers, but up to the present time labor has been scarce. It is expected that the arrival in the islands of European laborers will be a solution of the Hawaiian labor problem.

TALK OF NEW SERVIN KING.

The Present Dynasty May Meet Fate of Alexander and Draga.

Belgrade, Servia.—The national assembly recently has been the place of many disorderly scenes on the part of members, and from the open expression of sentiment against the present Karagorjevic dynasty reports in German and Austrian papers of a movement to depose King Peter.

The king is at present confronted with many difficult problems, not the least of which is renewed activity of the supporters of the late King Alexander and Queen Draga, who were murdered the night of June 10-11, 1903, and the popular ill-feelings aroused by the recent escapes of George, the crown prince.

Premier Pasic has received a number of threatening letters intimating that the present dynasty will meet a fate similar to that of its predecessor. The late King Alexander was a member of the Obrenovic family. It is asserted that secret meetings of the anti-dynasty leaders have been held here for the purpose of selecting a European prince as a successor to King Peter of a successful anti-dynasty movement.

RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION.

More Miles Built in 1905 Than in Any Year Since 1885.

Chicago.—More miles of railway were constructed in the United States the last year than have been built during any year since 1888, according to the Railway Age. Since Jan. 1 last 6,067 miles of track have been laid on 248 lines in 44 states and territories, making the country's total railway mileage 223,129. Texas leads in the number of miles, 701.

EARTHQUAKE IN CHILE.

Half the Town of Arica Reported Destroyed.

Santiago de Chile.—Half the town of Arica, in the province of Tacna, has been destroyed by an earthquake, and other towns in the neighborhood have suffered more or less severely. The seaport of Iquique, 120 miles south of Arica, was not damaged. With the recollection of the August disaster, the people of the earthquake zone are greatly alarmed.

Bones of Explorer Found.

El Paso, Tex.—The remains of Prof. Thomas Grinnell and his party, who left Douglas, Ariz., in June, 1894, on an exploring expedition in the Gulf of California, but who were never afterward heard from, have been found in a desert in Sonora, where they perished, evidently for want of water. The identity was made through letters and the Douglas school. Each has been under way for a year for some trace of the missing ones.

India and Self-Government.

Calcutta.—At the opening of the Indian national congress, Dadabhai Naoroji, formerly a member of the British parliament, delivered an address, insisting upon the right of the Indians, as British subjects, to govern themselves. The speaker pointed out that the British, whom the Indians helped to subjugate, had been given self-government, while India was still without it, and urged raising of a patriotic fund to educate the Indians as to their rights, and for the carrying on of the campaign in England.

Death of Mrs. Denby.

Evansville, Ind.—Mrs. Martha Fitch Denby, 71, widow of Charles Denby, former United States minister to China, died at a hospital here, where she had been a patient for several weeks. Death was due to old age.

Governor of the Yukon Burned Out.

Dawson, Y. T.—The residence of Gov. McInnes of the Yukon, known as the government house, was burned as Christmas day; loss, \$100,000. The fire is supposed to have originated by an electric light.

A Financial Manager Shoots Self.

New York.—Benj. Brown, financial manager of the American and United States express companies, shot and probably fatally wounded himself in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. No reason for his action is known.

Sam's Exploited in Barcelona.

Barcelona.—A bomb was exploded in the Rambla, one of the principal thoroughfares of this city. One man was wounded. Three anarchists have been arrested in connection with the affair.

Blown Almost to Atoms.

Fargo, N. D.—Two men were killed and a third so badly injured that he has since died, by the explosion of dynamite which was being thawed at Muskoday, 50 miles east of Fargo. The Northern Pacific company is cutting down a big hill near Muskoday, and the men were working with a steam shovel. Near where they were at work a fire had been built, by which sticks of dynamite were being thawed. These suddenly exploded, and the men were blown almost to atoms.

ALEXANDER J. CASSATT

ONE OF THE FOREMOST RAILROAD MEN IN THE COUNTRY.

Passed Away Suddenly at His Home of Heart Disease—End of a Very Busy Career.

Died of a Broken Heart.—George W. Perkins, New York.—In a statement, Geo. W. Perkins, formerly vice president of the New York Life Insurance Co., said: "In the death of President Cassatt the country has lost a great public servant, who devoted a busy and trying life to the upbuilding for the public benefit of our greatest railroad. He died of a broken heart—a heart broken by the constant handling of ironclads."

Philadelphia.—Alexander Johnston Cassatt, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. and one of the foremost railroad men and financiers in the country, died suddenly at his residence in this city of heart disease. He was a victim of an attack known professionally as "the Stokes-Adams syndrome." Mr. Cassatt was 67 years old. Though Mr. Cassatt's death was unexpected, he had been in ill health for nearly a year. His condition was aggravated by an attack of whooping cough which he contracted from his grandchildren while at Bar Harbor in September. He never entirely recovered from this attack.

His Last Hour. While not feeling entirely well, Mr. Cassatt arose from his bed, but returned to his room. He seemed in good spirits, and his family was not alarmed about his condition, and had no thoughts of his death. Shortly before 1 o'clock he suffered an acute heart attack and became unconscious. His wife and his daughter, Mrs. W. Plunkett Stewart, were with him, and a physician was summoned, but he was dead when the doctor arrived. The latter said that death had been almost instantaneous.

Was Worth Millions.

Aside from being the head of the Pennsylvania railroad, Mr. Cassatt was president of six other companies, and a director in 23 concerns, principally transportation companies, banks and trust companies. His wealth is estimated at between \$50,000,000 and \$75,000,000.

A Busy Career.

Mr. Cassatt was born Dec. 8, 1839, at Pittsburgh, Pa., and educated at the Rensselaer polytechnic institute at Troy, N. Y. He entered railway service in April, 1861, as roadman on the Philadelphia division of the Pennsylvania railroad. He succeeded Frank Thomson as president of the Pennsylvania railway system in June, 1899, and in a short time made the Pennsylvania system one of the foremost in the country. Mr. Cassatt has been termed the "big man in the world of railways. It is doubtful if America ever produced an able civil engineer. He had a clear head, a wonderful talent for mathematics and a strong constitution. He was born worth a million, but was never an idler. He worked from the time he entered school until he died. He was the first prominent man to take up the air brake, and to recognize the merits of the block system. A few years ago he drew a check for \$14,949,552.20 to buy a railroad, and the check is in a frame in the Pennsylvania railroad office, canceled, showing that the money was on hand to cash it.

SIXTEEN PASSENGERS KILLED.

Thirty Others Injured in a Railway Collision in Scotland.

Dundee, Scotland.—In a railroad collision, caused by the heavy snowstorm, 16 persons were killed and more than 30 injured. The accident occurred near Arbroath, on the North British railroad, between Edinburgh and Aberdeen. Among the persons injured is Alexander William Black, member of the house of commons, from Banffshire, Scotland.

Owing to the heavy fall of snow, trains from London to Aberdeen were held up at Arbroath. During the afternoon the line was cleared, and one train proceeded for Dundee. It had stopped at Elliot Junction, and the danger signals were thought to have been set. They failed to act, however, through being clogged with snow, and an express train crashed into the rear of the waiting train.

A WORD FROM MRS. SAGE.

Will Not Distribute Money Every where and to Everybody.

New York.—Mrs. Russell Sage has given out a statement in which she declared that it was not her intention to distribute immediately the money which she intended to distribute to where and to everybody. The deed that she has at her own doors plenty of cases of need which have a nearer claim on her than other people.

JAMES J. HILL TO RETIRE.

President of Great Northern Will Be Succeeded by His Son.

Chicago.—A special to the Record-Herald from Minneapolis, Minn., says: James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern railroad, it is announced, will retire from active business on July 1 next. The announcement comes from Mr. Hill himself. His successor will be his eldest son, Louis J. Hill, first vice president of the Great Northern.

Wool Unsold at End of Year.

Boston.—The annual canvass of the wool trade of the United States by the Boston Commercial Bulletin to discover the amount of wool remaining unsold at close of the year shows a record this year of 34,462,046 pounds of domestic and 15,109,000 pounds of foreign wool. This is to be compared with a stock of 22,461,445 pounds of domestic and 24,414,099 pounds of foreign year ago, and shows an increase for this year of 21,940,602 pounds of domestic and a decrease in the stock of foreign wool of 9,345,000 pounds.

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Chief Justice Gantt.

Jefferson City.—Judge James B. Gantt will be recognized as chief justice when the state supreme court reconvenes in this city.

Thousands Fed in St. Louis.

St. Louis.—Three thousand men, women and children were fed by the charitable people in seven big halls Christmas.

Death Came Suddenly.

St. Louis.—F. M. Gardner, assistant cashier of the Mechanics-American National bank, died suddenly after breakfast at family reunion.

Rope Broke First Time.

Springfield.—When Joda Hamilton was hanged in Texas county for the murder of an entire family the rope broke and he was dropped again.

Charged With Hold-Ups.

St. Louis.—Jack Ryan, a youth of 19, was arrested, charged with numerous hold-ups. A woman was one of the victims.

Veteran Dies of Old Age.

St. Louis.—Maj. W. S. Page, a civil war veteran, member of the G. A. R. and Legion of Honor, died of old age. He was 79.

Gas Plant for De Soto.

De Soto.—A special election has granted a franchise to St. Louis gas to erect a plant and furnish the city and residents with gas.

A Feishin Girl.

Clinton.—Miss Carrie Bull, 20, committed suicide at Cridgmont, when she learned that a Kansas City man had proved false.

What Trained Nurses Want.

St. Louis.—Trained nurses will ask the legislature to enact a law requiring nurses to register in order to practice.

Mrs. Minnie Greenwald.

St. Charles.—Mrs. Minnie Greenwald, aged 56, died at her home in this city. She leaves six grown children.

Edwards Made Superintendent.

Crestview.—Charles L. Edwards, of this city, has been appointed superintendent of the House county infirmary. These were twenty applicants.

State Happenings.

Confessed to Killing a Woman.

Monett.—Monroe Patterson, it is alleged, has confessed to Chief of Police Jackson to the killing of a woman found dead at the side of the Frisco tracks, near Police City, Friday morning. He says the woman's name was Rosa Hudson, and that they had been living together at Seneca, Mo. They started for Monett, got off the train at Police City, and started to walk to Monett. The woman threatened to leave him, and he killed her with a knife. Patterson came to Monett, and while acting suspiciously was arrested.

Man With Third Wife Kills Self.

St. Louis.—Edward A. Eaton, accused of bigamy by his lawful wife and by the woman he had deceived, was found dead near his home. Mr. Eaton, who was married, married, and who packed her belongings to move to a home he had prepared for her before she heard he had another wife living, told a reporter that she believed a sense of his guilt caused Eaton to end his life. Mrs. Eaton expressed the same opinion.

Another Gift to Kirby.

Springfield.—Charles Harwood, of Upton, Cal., formerly a resident of Springfield, has just notified Dr. J. Edgar Kirby, president of the Drury college, of a second gift of \$10,000 to the school. Only a few months ago Mr. Harwood gave Drury \$10,000. Mr. Harwood has been a trustee of Drury ever since the institution was organized, thirty-three years ago.

David C. Webb, Kansas City, Dead.

Kansas City.—David C. Webb, president of a big mercantile company in this city, died, aged 82. Mr. Webb was born in Lafayette, Ind. In 1848 he conducted a general merchandise store at Aspinwall, Columbia, and later engaged in shipping of cotton. He came to the southwest from Decatur, Ill., in 1858.

Killing in the Southeast.

Charleston.—Dink and Frank Hampton, brothers, are reported dead at Buckeye, the result of a feud. John Sellers is alleged to have been shot to death in a pistol battle with Harry Mason at Melott Mill, near Henderson. Sellers is said to have greeted Mason with "Merry Christmas," and at the same time reaching for his pocket.

Fifty Negroes Fought.

Kansas City.—Fifty negroes engaged in a drunken fight in this city, using clubs, knives and stones, and besides the injuries sustained by the participants, which consisted of broken heads and severe bruises, a policeman and a spectator were hurt.

Shook Hand of Daughter's Slayer.

Springfield.—Garland Moore, who killed Clara West at Bala D'Arc, was warmly greeted in court by the mother of the dead girl. Among those who crowded forward to shake his hand was the mother of the murdered girl.

Gold Medals Awarded.

Centralia.—The annual Hope medal declamatory contest was held at the opera house here. The gold medals were awarded to Miss Lela Acord and Belvid Booth; the second prizes to Miss Helen Hinman and Walter Roberts.

A Belle of Long Ago.

St. Louis.—Mrs. Amella Chouteau Churchill, a member of one of the oldest families in St. Louis, and in her younger days a famous belle and beauty, died at her home in Louisville, Ky.

Made a Child His Wife.

Dexter.—Marion Woods, who ran away with Monie Morton, aged 13, was captured at Paragould, Ark. They were married at Paragould. Woods was returned to Dexter and jailed. He is charged with kidnapping.

Found Murdered.

St. Louis.—John H. Osborne, night watchman at a livery stable at 2313 Market street, was found murdered. William Robinson, a negro hostler, 41, has been arrested.

Judge Shubert Died at Richmond.

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